

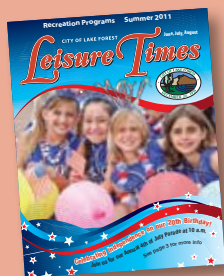
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20th Annual Independence Day Parade

**Celebrating Independence
On Our 20th Birthday!**
Monday, July 4
10:00 am
Toledo Way to Serrano Road

We heard you!

Survey responses guide homepage redesign

We here at City Hall have pored over the 2010 Satisfaction Survey results to see what we can do to better meet your needs and wants. We were thrilled to see that over 50% of residents and over 60% of businesses have visited City of Lake Forest websites. And to make sure you keep coming back, we took your feedback and used it to guide a homepage redesign.

Feedback relating to City websites included improving navigation, improving the look and feel, adding more City photos, and making the website more user-friendly. In response, the following areas were updated:

- New layout
- New photos
- Space for videos
- Most popular pages
- Calendar
- Weather

Over the next 12 months, additional changes will be made to the website to continue providing relevant, accurate, and timely information to make your life easier. If you have suggestions for improvements, feel free to visit us at **Ask Lake Forest** (lakeforestca.gov/AskLakeForest) today!



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By Susan Hecht

CITY MANAGER'S



Message

Lake Forest has consistently been identified as one of the "safest cities" in America. The City's low crime rates are impressive, and due in large part to the efforts of our dedicated Police Services personnel. The City of Lake Forest takes pride in providing quality law enforcement services through a contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Despite the current economic environment, Lake Forest is fully maintaining its Police Services budget and continues to offer a full complement of public safety services.

Leading this highly dedicated group of men and women is Lieutenant Pat Higa, Lake Forest's newly appointed Chief of Police Services. Lake Forest has had a tradition of top quality chiefs who have gone on to play important roles in the Orange County Sheriff's Department. There is no doubt that our long history of providing high quality law enforcement services will continue under the leadership of Lieutenant Pat Higa.

Lake Forest Police Services personnel consistently go above and beyond to ensure public safety, and have been recognized for their efforts throughout the year. Deputies Dallas Hennessey, Corey Mayer, and Boris Garcia were 2010 Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) award recipients. Deputy Mihaela Mihai was awarded the Orange County Sheriff's Department Medal for Lifesaving. Crime Prevention Specialist Melisa Cavalos received the American Legion Medal of Merit, and Community Services Officer Aubrey Dietrich received the Sheriff's Gold Star award.

I hope you'll join me in extending thanks and appreciation to the men and women of Lake Forest Police Services, especially for their hard work and accomplishments over the past year. For more information on Police Services, visit the City website at www.lakeforestca.gov or call 461-3530.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

Fair Housing Opportunity is the Law



The City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471. The City cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class.

Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" – a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more available animals. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit ocgov.com.



www.lakeforestca.gov/pet_of_the_week

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 3
- Tuesday, May 17
- Tuesday, June 7
- Tuesday, June 21

20th Anniversary Call for Photos

Lake Forest is turning 20, and we want to see how far we've come! We're looking for your pictures of Lake Forest from 1991 to today to showcase during our 20th Anniversary Celebration. So send in your favorite shots of Lake Forest past and present.

The City's 20th Anniversary Committee will choose the photos to be featured during the 20th Anniversary Celebration. Submissions will be accepted from June 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011.



Rules and Guidelines

- There is no payment or fee required to submit a photo.
- The entrant must be the photographer of the photo entered.
- Photos can be submitted via email, mail, or in person.
- Digital photos should be JPEG format.
- Digital photos should be a maximum of 1 MB.
- Individuals may submit up to ten photos.
- No compensation is offered for selected submissions.
- Please note that all photos submitted become the property of the City of Lake Forest and will not be returned.

Rights of Use

- The City of Lake Forest has the right to unlimited use of entrant names and photos for, but not limited to, 20th Anniversary events, programs, publicity, promotions, and on the City's website without compensation to entrant.

Selected Submissions

- Entrants will be required to identify any identifiable persons appearing in their photo, and confirm that the identifiable persons have given consent to having their picture taken and entered in this contest with all "Rights of Use" conditions applying. If a selected photograph includes minors, signed consent forms will be requested.
- Entrants will be notified by e-mail or telephone if their photo is selected.

Submitting Photos

Please include the following information for each photo submitted:

- Photographer's Full Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address
- Description of the photo, including the location, event, or names of individual(s) in each photo.

Submit photos online via **Ask Lake Forest:**
www.lakeforestca.gov/AskLakeForest

- Click on "Submit a Request."
- Select "20th Anniversary Photos."
- Fill out the submission form and click on "Submit."

Mail/Drop off photos to:
City of Lake Forest
Re: 20th Anniversary
25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100
Lake Forest, CA 92630

For more information, call Community Services at 461-3450.



I Love My Lake Forest Park – Tamarisk Park

By Susan Hecht

Who will be there today?

This morning it's too late to see the dogs bounding around the grass and under bushes before their owners head to work: the Labradors, Newfoundlands, and Chihuahuas. Only one older gentleman sits at a picnic table patiently working on his model airplane. A slight breeze rustles in the trees.

This evening there might be a baseball game, pickup basketball, or children swinging in the playground. When I see balloons on a weekend, there's usually a birthday party. This is a fine place to picnic. One spring, an exercise boot camp trained on the grass. Another spring brought soccer practice.

Mostly I stroll around, but when it's hot, I like to sit on the bench under the kissing trees, my name for the two trees whose branches have grown together. Lizards scatter. Vultures and red-tailed hawks soar. Once, I looked up and saw three baby owls sitting on the fence watching me.

Other days, I see only crows. They squawk and prance through the big grassy area like they own the place. Lucky for us, they don't mind sharing this small part of paradise. I love my Tamarisk Park.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Thanks for sharing Susan, and we hope you enjoy your goodie basket! This is the final winner in our "I Love My Lake Forest Park" reader contest, and we'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated in the contest. See you at the park!

Capital Improvement Projects Update:

Etnies Skatepark Expansion

Construction on the expansion area at the Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest began in February, and is slated for completion in late summer/early fall 2011. Passers by on Lake Forest Drive and visitors to the park have been able to watch the construction crews in action as earth movers dig out the areas for the new street run area, mini pool and cradle. The addition of 16,000 square feet of skateable surface will make the park one of the largest public skateparks in the nation. For construction updates and photos, visit the Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest website at www.etnieskatepark.com.



Update on Lake Forest Redevelopment Funds



In the March/April Leaflet, we ran an article entitled “Lake Forest Redevelopment Funds on the Chopping Block?” As a follow-up, we’d like to update you on the latest developments surrounding this evolving issue.

At the end of March, Governor Jerry Brown issued a statement announcing a “halt” to budget negotiations, which included the elimination of all 425 redevelopment agencies throughout the state, including Lake Forest’s. At this time, it appears that the unresolved budget issues may be placed on the November ballot.

Meanwhile, the California Redevelopment Association, which represents all redevelopment agencies in California, has developed an alternative proposal for the State’s consideration. Along with proposing a number of reforms, this proposal recommends extending the term of redevelopment projects in

exchange for redevelopment agencies providing additional funding to local schools.

Although Lake Forest would remain fiscally sound without a Redevelopment Agency, there will be significantly fewer funds available to put towards important redevelopment projects in our community. For example, the Agency recently contributed over \$3 million to fund construction of three streetscape and traffic calming projects along Jeronimo, Rockfield, and El Toro Road. In addition, the Agency continues working with property owners to bring new retailers and improve the appearance of the retail district to advance economic revitalization along El Toro Road.

Stay tuned for more on this evolving issue. For more information, contact Redevelopment at 461-3567.

Preventing the Most Common Housing Code Violations

The City wants to work with you to keep our neighborhoods and communities healthy and beautiful. Poorly maintained homes and apartments can lower neighborhood property values, negatively effect neighborhood pride, and contribute towards crime as well as health and safety hazards. The following is a list of property conditions currently prohibited by the various codes.

- Broken windows
- Abandoned buildings
- Structurally unsound fences
- Broken, discarded furniture or appliances in excess of three (3) days
- Overgrown vegetation, dead trees, or debris
- Inoperative, abandoned, or dismantled motor vehicles
- Occupancy of garage as living area
- Improper balcony or patio storage



For more information, contact Code Enforcement at 461-3474.

Prevent Pollution with Your Garden

Going to the beach this summer? Did you know that you can help keep the beaches, creeks and lakes clean right from your own home? You can be an active participant in pollution prevention from your home garden! Anything we use in our home and garden can wind up in the gutter and storm drain system. Water in the storm drain system is not treated and discharges directly to creeks, lakes and the ocean. A little water from rain, a garden hose, or a sprinkler system can carry household materials such as fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides through the storm drain system and pollute our local creeks, lakes, bays, and beaches. In fact, urban runoff containing these types of pollutants can result in beach closures.

Follow these simple practices to make a difference:

- Read the label when using fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Choose the least toxic product that will do the job, and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for application – more is not always better.

- Inspect your sprinkler system to ensure that excessive runoff is not occurring – this runoff will carry pollutants such as fertilizers and pesticides downstream.
- Instead of applying herbicides, use hand or mechanical weeding techniques.
- Take care not to apply fertilizer, herbicides, or pesticides right before irrigating, or when rain is expected in the next few days.
- Use mulch to suppress weed growth to reduce the need for herbicides, provide soil stabilization to prevent soil erosion, and reduce soil moisture loss to reduce watering needs.
- Do not wash debris into the gutter or street; instead, sweep and collect debris for composting, mulching, or disposal in your green waste.



24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline
(877) 89-SPILL

*Remember, the Ocean
Begins At Your Front Door.*

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

Workshop for Parents of Teen Drivers

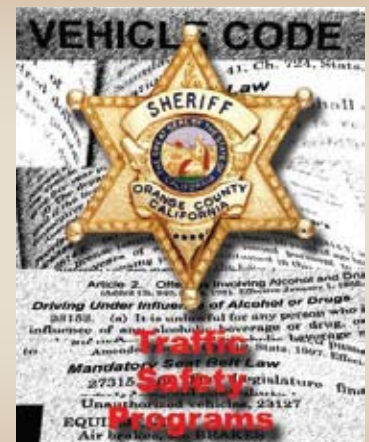
Tuesday, May 24 • 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. • Lake Forest City Hall

Before you hand over the keys to your new teen driver, join us for a workshop designed just for parents. Lake Forest Police Services will be hosting a free course to help mentor your teen through this stage of driving.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department Traffic Safety Programs Coordinator will discuss:

- Unique risks and behaviors of new teen drivers
- Types and causes of collisions commonly involving teens
- Laws specific to teen drivers and why they are important
- New technologies and resources available to families

Seating is limited so register today. Contact Community Services Officer Aubrey Dietrich at 461-3543 or e-mail adietrich@ocsd.org.



Recreation/Events Calendar

Summer 2011 (May, June, July)



MAY

Rancho Days Fiesta **1**

11 am-3 pm
Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)
Fee: \$3 children 3-12 yrs old;
\$4 adults (pay at door)



Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day **21**

9 am-11:30 am
Cherry Ave and Fernbank St
Fee: Free to attend.
Ages 5 to adult.
(Minors must be accompanied by an adult.)



Prelude in the Park **22**

5 pm-7:30 pm
Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr)
Fee: Free. (Nominal fee for food)



Band Nights at the Skatepark **27**

6 pm-10 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$5 per person



JUNE

"Rpl Effect" and "Sister Venus" Concert & BBQ **5**

3 pm-6 pm
Lake Forest Nature Park
(26215 Dimension Dr)
Fee: Free. (Nominal fee for food)



Coyote Brush Hike **11**

9 am-12 pm
Whiting Ranch Park
(Glenn Ranch Parking Lot)
Fee: \$5 (includes snack and water bottle)



Riverbed Cleanup and Environmental Awareness Day **11**

10 am-12 pm
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: Free to participate



Band Nights at the Skatepark **17**

6 pm-10 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$5 per person



Movies in the Park ~ "Despicable Me" **17**

7:30 pm
Cherry Park (22651 Cherry Ave)
Fee: Free (Nominal fee for snacks)



Summer Concert Series ~ American Idols Brooke White & Syesha Mercado with "Tha Way Out" **26**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Dr)
Fee: Free



JULY

20th Annual Independence Day Parade **4**

Celebrating Independence
On Our 20th Birthday!
10:00 am
Toledo Way to Serrano Road
Fee: Free



Movies in the Park ~ "How to Train Your Dragon" **8**

7:30 pm, Rimgate Park
(29772 Rimgate)
Fee: Free
(Nominal fee for snacks)



Band Nights at the Skatepark **15**

6 pm-10 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$5 per person



Family Campout **16-17**

5:30 pm - 10 am
Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Dr)
Fee: \$5 per person
(4 years and older)

Summer Concert Series ~ "Wanted" and Kina Grannis **24**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Dr)
Fee: Free



Navigate ^{to} Nectar
THIS SUMMER!



Register for Summer classes and programs beginning Tuesday, May 17! For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.

Learn how to "Navigate to Nectar" on page 4 of the Summer Leisure Times.



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Important City Telephone Numbers



OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection. . . . 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Code Enforcement 461-3474
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Redevelopment 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency
www.thearbor.info
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com



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Lake Forest, CA 92630
461-3400



www.lakeforestca.gov

"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are eight different species of approved trees which may be planted in almost any public property location, including City parks and green belts.



**For more information, please call
the Public Works Department at 461-3480.**

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Friends on Calle de Oro	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	In Memory of Sharon Peare
Cartagena and Scheine Families	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	In Loving Memory of Phoebe Bedinger – Always In Our Hearts
Dave, Christine & Stephen Rich / Sue Mahoney	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	In Memory of Robert and Michael Geoghan
Sadeth and David Lee and Family	California Sycamore	Tamarisk Park	In Loving Memory of Ryan Leoung Lee, You Will Always Be In Our Hearts
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Weight Watchers Group	California Sycamore (2 trees)	Peachwood Park	In Memory of Anna (Betty) Herring
Girl Scout Sisters of Troop 1685	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	Girl Scout Brownie Hailey Fern
Bruce and Jackie Cook	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	Jared Grossman
Bruce and Jackie Cook	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	Luke Weisman
Jared's Juggernaut, Inc.	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	In Loving Memory of Beloved Son Jared Steven Grossman 10/25/83 – 3/23/10